GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:667
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2002
GOLDEN QUADRANGLE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to spent Rs. 15,000 crores to develop the infrastructue and other facilities on the "Golden Quadrangle" connecting the four metropolis of the country;

(b) if so, whether this amount of Rs. 15,000 crores was in addition to the Rs. 17,000 crores proposed to be spent for safety-related activities;

(c) whether the Ministry has decided that all the track renewal works would be completed in the next six years; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to achieve this target by the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) : The Prime Minister has announced a non-budgetary investment initiativeof Rs.15,000 crores on 15th August 2002, called the National Rail Vikas Yojana. The details are indicated in the Annexure.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): With the setting up of Special Railway SafetyFund (SRSF),the overdue track renewal which existed as on 01.04.2001, is planned to be renewed by 31.03.07, subject to availability of funds. However, clearance of accruals to overdue track renewal, after 01.04.01, shall depend upon availability of funds under DRF.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.667 TO BE ANSWERED 21.11.2002

Details of non-budgetary investment initiative of Rs.15,000 crores announced by the Prime Minister on 15th August 2002

On the 150th Anniversary of Indian Railways, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, on 15th August,2002 has announced a non-budgetary investment initiative, called National Rail Vikas Yojana, amounting to Rs. 15,000 crores, to put Indian Railways on the path of fast track growth. This would include the following:

1. Strengthening of the Golden Quadrilateral to enable Railways to run more long distance mail/express trains and freight trains at a higher speed of 100 KMPH, at a cost of Rs. 8000 crores

2. Strengthening of rail connectivity to ports and development of multimodal corridors to hinterland, at a cost of Rs. 3000 crores.

3. Construction of four Mega Bridges − two over theriver Ganga, one over river Brahmputra and one over the river Kosi − at a cost of Rs. 3500 crores.

4. Accelerated completion of Last Mile and other important projects at a cost of Rs. 763 crores.